

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A method of providing configuration information for at least one user object to an access device in a multimedia communication network system having a server and a plurality of access devices, access devices of the plurality of access devices being associated with one or more households, the method comprising:

~~signaling the server receiving information that an access device is being associated with a household in response to a user activating the access device when the access device is coupled to the multimedia communication network system;~~

~~receiving from the server an indication of determining whether the access device is the household's first access device; and~~

~~receiving from the server providing to the access device configuration information for at least one user object associated with the household when the access device is not the first access device of the household.~~

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising~~[[::]]~~ receiving configuration information for at least one user object from ~~[[the]]~~ a user via the access device when the access device is the first access device of the household; ~~and~~

~~providing to the server the configuration information received from the user.~~

15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising ~~receiving from the server providing to the access device a ticket number corresponding to the configuration information provided to the server received from the user.~~

16. (Currently amended) A configuration system for providing configuration information for at least one user object to an access device in a multimedia communication network system having a server and a plurality of access devices, access devices of the plurality

of access devices being associated with one or more households, the configuration system comprising:

means for ~~signaling the server receiving information~~ that an access device is being associated with a household ~~in response to a user activating the access device when the access device is coupled to the multimedia communication network system;~~

means for ~~receiving from the server an indication of determining~~ whether the access device is the household's first access device; and

means for ~~receiving from the server providing to the access device~~ configuration information for at least one user object associated with the household when the access device is not the first access device of the household.

17. (Currently amended) The configuration system of claim 16, further comprising~~[:]~~ means for receiving configuration information for at least one user object from ~~[[the]]~~ a user via the access device when the access device is the first access device of the household; and

~~means for providing to the server the configuration information received from the user.~~

18. (Currently amended) The configuration system of claim 17, further comprising means for ~~receiving from the server providing to the access device~~ a ticket number corresponding to the configuration information provided to the server received from the user.

19. (Currently amended) A machine-readable medium for use in a multimedia communication network system having a server and a plurality of access devices, access devices of the plurality of access devices being associated with one or more households, the computer-readable medium having instructions that when executed by ~~a machine~~ the server cause the machine server to perform operations comprising:

~~signaling the server receiving information~~ that an access device of the plurality of access devices is being associated with a household ~~in response to a user activating the access device when the access device is coupled to the multimedia communication network system;~~

~~receiving from the server an indication of determining~~ whether the access device is the household's first access device; and

~~receiving from the server providing to the access device configuration information for at least one user object associated with the household~~ when the access device is not the first access device of the household.

20. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the operations further comprise~~[:]~~ receiving configuration information for at least one user object from ~~[[the]]~~ a user via the access device when the access device is the first access device of the household; ~~and~~

~~providing to the server the configuration information received from the user.~~

21. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 20, wherein the operations further comprise ~~receiving from the server providing to the access device a ticket number corresponding to the configuration information provided to the server received from the user.~~

22. (New) The method of Claim 13, wherein information that the access device is being associated with the household is automatically received in response to a user coupling the access device to the multimedia communication network system.

23. (New) The method of Claim 13, wherein receiving information that an access device is being associated with the household includes prompting the user to identify the household when the access device is being coupled to the multimedia communication network system.

24. (New) The method of Claim 13, further comprising providing to the access device an indication of whether the access device is determined to be the household's first access device.

25. (New) The method of Claim 13, wherein, when the access device is not the first access device of the household, the configuration information for the at least one user object is automatically provided to the access device.

26. (New) The method of Claim 13, further comprising, when the access device is not the first access device of the household, providing to the access device configuration information for all of the user objects associated with the household.

27. (New) The method of Claim 26, wherein the configuration information for all of the user objects is automatically provided to the access device.

28. (New) The method of Claim 26, wherein the configuration information for all of the user objects is provided to the access device in response to a request.

29. (New) The method of Claim 13, further comprising receiving updated configuration information for the at least one user object via the access device.

30. (New) The method of Claim 29, further comprising determining whether an administrator attribute in the at least one user object enables a protected setting in the configuration information to be updated.

31. (New) The method of Claim 13, further comprising automatically providing to the access device updated configuration information for the at least one user object.

32. (New) The method of Claim 31, wherein the updated configuration information is provided to the access device with a ticket number.

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33. (New) The method of Claim 13, further comprising, when the access device is the household's first access device, providing to the access device configuration information for at least one user object that was created beforehand.

34. (New) The method of Claim 31, wherein the at least one user object was created beforehand by a service provider in the multimedia communication network system.

35. (New) The method of Claim 15, further comprising receiving the ticket number from the access device and, in response thereto, providing to the access device a different ticket number with updated configuration information for the at least one user object.

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